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Video tribute to military veterans is available online

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale says an excellent tribute to American military veterans has been added to his office's Web site.

"Vote in Honor of a Veteran," a 45-minute video, can be accessed at www.sos.state.ne.us under Youth Services. The video is available in video-streaming format (Windows Media Player).

The program can be shown to a group using a computer with Internet access and a projection system. Previously, the video was available only through videocassette or DVD.

The video centers on the gripping tale of Bernard W. Nider of Lincoln, who was one of the first liberators to reach the hard-fought Omaha Beach at Normandy, France, on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

"By telling the story of a Nebraska veteran who protected our country and freedoms we cherish, we hope our young people will be able to personalize the importance of being active citizens and lifelong voters," Gale said.

The video is designed for civics, social studies and history classes but also can be used for veterans and community groups. The video's message is appropriate for any time of the year.

"We are truly grateful that our military personnel through the years has protected our security and our democratic ideals," Gale said. "I would encourage people to visit local memorials to veterans in observance of Veterans' Day on Nov. 11."

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